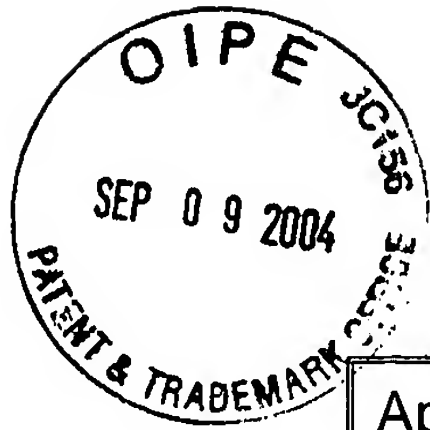


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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 8, 2004.

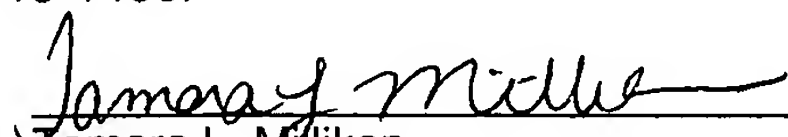
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